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Ideas for the TPM with Chad

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**To:** Wright, Felicia  
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Felicia –

I reached out to Jim Gulliford on Jane Nishida's idea of Jim and Chad/Scott talking about consultation on the 8/13 meeting. He is agreeable, but would like to see it as a discussion with questions shared with the RAs and AAs ahead of time.

From our last conversation, I believe you were checking Chad's and Scott's calendars for this meeting. If the plan is to move forward (potentially towards an 8/13 date), should I work with you and/or Andy/Karen on this?

I was looking ahead and next week is a busy week for me, so I wanted to touch base and share a few thoughts/question while they were on my mind:

1. OITA's COVID consultation policy - Like many NPMs, OITA drafted a COVID related consultation policy.
  1. OECA has set an end date to their policy.
    1. Is this conversation premature?
    2. Do the RAs/AAs think we should consider an end date?
    3. Should we consider a set of gating criteria to ending the policy?
  2. How is the COVID flexibilities in consultation policy working for NPMs/regions?
    1. Are NPMs/regions moving forward with consultations?
    2. If NPMs/regions are holding consultations, are the NPMs/regions only required consultations or a broader array of consultations?
2. McGirt Supreme Court Decision (May need to send a brief link ahead of time, so RICs/DDs can brief ahead of time)
  1. Are there revisions to your consultation practices that you are considering in light of the McGirt decision? (especially for tribes that are partially in OK and also the broader perspective)
  2. Is a policy/guidance document needed in light of McGirt?

Thanks!

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